



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 15, 2013**

**CITIZEN MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Brown, Linda Currie, Chris Fogleman (Chair), Jennifer Gauthier, Michael Gruenberg, Barbara Holtz, Christopher Jackson, Mehul Madia (Vice Chair), Gladstone Marcus (Co-Chair Government and Community Relations), Perry Paylor (Co-Chair Government and Community Relations), Dana Pisanelli, and Carlean Ponder (Co-Chair Care, Custody and Placement), Wendy Pulliam, Jasmine Shergill, and Lisa Winer.

**EX-OFFICIO/AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Blaine Clarke, Robert Carter, Francha Davis, Frank Duncan, Susan Farag, Risa Mainprize, Mary Siegfried, George Simms, Michael Subin, and Jenny West.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Elaine Bullington, Michael Citren, Margaret Currie, Mark Resner, Ira Thomas, Timothy Warner, and Elijah Wheeler.

**STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:** Diane Lininger

**EMERITUS MEMBERS:** Dr. Lee Haller

**GUESTS:** Nick Moroney, Julie Malloy and Jose Saavedra

**Commission on Juvenile Justice**

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**I. Announcements /Preliminary business**

- A. Chris Fogleman, Chair, discusses meeting with DHHS Committee of the County Council. Diane will email everyone the top two priorities document that was presented at the meeting
- B. Chris announced that Delmonica Hawkins, Regional Director, Department of Juvenile Services, will be speaking at the November meeting. Asked members to prepare questions to be submitted to the Chair of their committee and then compiled by Diane. Questions will be provided to Ms. Hawkins in advance of November's meeting.

**II. Old Business**

- A. The minutes from the September meeting were not accepted due to several edits. Edits will be given to Diane to finalize for approval at the November meeting.

**III. New Business**

- A. The Annual Report was distributed at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the annual report, motion was seconded.
- B. Announcement was made by Jennifer Gauthier regarding the annual Lead for Life Thanksgiving and Holiday dinners. Donations are needed. Diane will forward the email that contains the information.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- A. Care and Custody Committee - Carlean Ponder: Lack of vocational opportunities for detained kids. Issues regarding lack of dress cloths and interview preparation. Specifically, kids aren't prepared to answer interview questions. Discussed a forum for kids that have been detained more than once.
- B. Government and Community Relations – Gladstone Marcus: Gathering Links for commission website. We will review and categorize links. The goal is to keep the site simple. Jasmine is project leader. Gladstone thanked committee members.

- V. **Comments/Concerns** : Discussion ensued between members of the Commission regarding putting vocational training back into Montgomery County schools and how this could be accomplished. Bob discusses benefits of blue collar jobs, the expanding immigrant community and the county's changing demographic. The question was asked if this concern could be brought up to the County Executive and the County Council. Both Mike Subin, County Executive Ex-Officio and Susan Farag, County Council Ex-Officio felt that they could bring the issues up to the County Executive and County Council. Also asked if one of the Committees could possibly write a letter to the County Executive, County Council and the Montgomery County public school system. The Care, Custody committee felt that a letter could be written by their committee as this issue falls under their work plan for the year. Issue will be put on November's agenda

V. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.